

Appl. No. 09/883,406
Amdt. dated February 23, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the amendments, to enter and consider the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement, and to allow this application.

Amendment to claim 1

Amended claim 1 finds basis in the original specification at page 9 and at page 10, lines 3-13, as examples. Claim 12 has been amended consistent with the amendment to claim 1.

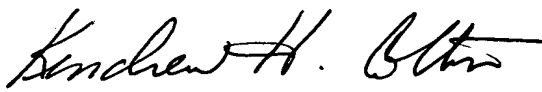
Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions about this Amendment or the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement, please do not hesitate to telephone Applicant's counsel.

Applicants respectfully solicit favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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